

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/789,885

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/02/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2 and 4-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Mary E. Eberle on 02/10/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

- **In claim 1 line 2**, change the expression "first arm closed end and first arm open end;" to - - *first arm closed end and a first arm open end*;- -.
- **In claim 1 lines 5-6**, change the expression "second arm closed end." to - - *second arm closed end; wherein the first arm is rotatable around the means of attachment between the first arm closed end and the elevated arch and the second arm is rotatable around the means of attachment between the second arm closed end and the elevated arch.* - -
- **Cancel claim 3.**
- **Claim 4 line 3**, change the expression "by means of wing nuts" to - - *wing nuts* - -
- **In claim 7 line 1**, change the expression "Claim 3" to - - *Claim 1* - -.
- **In claim 19 lines 1-2**, change the expression "A device for making a putting stroke training device comprising" to - - *A putting device comprising* - -.
- **In claim 19 line 6**, change the expression "the second arm closed end." to - - *the second arm closed end; wherein the first arm is rotatable around the means of*

attachment between the first arm closed end and the elevated arch and the second arm is rotatable around the means of attachment between the second arm closed end and the elevated arch; and wherein the means of attachment of the first arm closed end to the elevated arch and the second arm closed end to the elevated arch is wing nuts and screws.- -

- **Add new claim 21 as follow:** *A putting stroke straining device comprising a first arm having a first arm closed end and a first arm open end; a second arm having a second arm closed end and a second arm open end; an elevated arch attached to the first arm at the first arm closed end and to the second arm at the second arm closed end; and means of attachment of the elevated arch to the first arm closed end and the second arm closed end; wherein the first arm is rotatable around the means of attachment between the first arm closed end and the elevated arch and the second arm is rotatable around the means of attachment between the second arm closed end and the elevated arch; and wherein the device has a horseshoe-like curved shape.*

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art teach a first arm, a second arm, an elevated arch, and an attachment means wherein the first arm and the second arms are rotatable around the means of attachment between the first and second arms' closed ends and the elevated arch, when affixed in the manner claimed in combination with the other recited features.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nini F. Legesse whose telephone number is (571) 272-4412. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on (571) 272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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